

AS

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-282-C - ORDER NO. 97-15

JANUARY 6, 1997

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IN RE: Application of GTE South, Inc. for) ORDER
Approval of Depreciation Rates to be) APPROVING
Effective January 1, 1996.) REQUEST

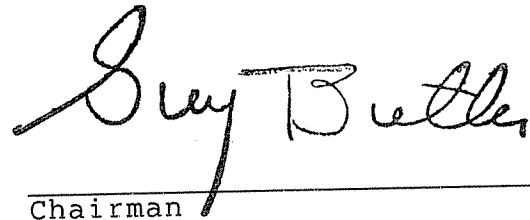
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of GTE South, Inc. (GTE) for an extension of one (1) week for all parties to prefile testimony and exhibits in this matter. The Commission originally set January 2, 1997 as the deadline for GTE's testimony and exhibits to be filed pursuant to Order No. 96-777, and January 16, 1997 for Staff and/or Intervenors.

The Commission has examined this matter, and believes that because of the holidays, GTE states good cause for its request. GTE and all parties shall therefore have one (1) additional week beyond that already granted to prefile their testimony and exhibits. All parties shall serve testimony and exhibits on all others parties pursuant to Commission regulations.

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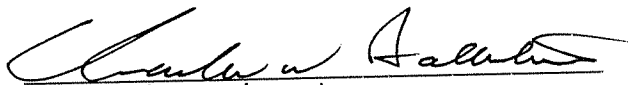
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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